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RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

Town of Kensington

FOR THE

Year ending March 1st, 1878.

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

EXETER, N. H. :

GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1878.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Received of the Town Treasurer for 1876,	\$1748 24
State Treasurer Savings Bank tax,	195 20
Rail Road tax,	28 08
Literary Fund,	40 85
County Treasurer per support of S. H. Brown and family,	87 73
Jemima Hilton to March 1, 1878.	31 00
Joseph W. Brown collector for 1876,	398 33
From the goods of Ruth Rowe, sold by Auction,	14 27
L. S. Sanborn, collector for 1877,	5166 89
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	\$7710 59

EXPENSES.

Paid State tax in full,	\$704 00
County tax in full	766 23
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	\$1470 23

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Benjamin F. Rowe, Prudential Committee, District No. 1,	\$319 75
Jeremiah Dow, Prudential Committee, District No. 2.	337 09
Jeremiah Dow, Prudential Committee, District No. 2, School house purposes,	625 00
Joseph W. Brown, services as Superintending School Committee,	15 00
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	\$1296 84

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid J. E. Brown, for School books,	\$ 5 00
Ira Fellows attending eleven funerals,	13 75
George E. Lane and others, blanks, postage, &c.,	8 24
Charles Marseilles, printing Town accounts,	16 00
Auditors for 1876,	2 00
J. D. Prescott, copying Town accounts,	4 00
F. D. Chandler, taking Agricultural statistics,	6 00
“ “ Births and deaths,	1 00
T. H. Blake, services as Town Clerk,	27 87
Joseph Poor, Auctioneer at sale of goods of Ruth Rowe,	57
Ira Fellows, digging grave for Ruth Rowe,	1 50
J. W. W. Brown, clerk and attendance at auction of the effects of Ruth Rowe,	1 00
J. French, repairing plough,	2 00
L. Wadleigh, watching with Ruth Rowe,	3 50
J. T. Blake, services as Moderator,	2 00
J. W. Brown, collecting taxes in part,	6 24
“ taking affidavits,	50
Jeremiah Poor, making taxes and recording inventory,	10 00

Paid J. N. Austin, time and team to Exeter to see commissioners in Hilton case,	1 00
L. S. Sanborn, collecting taxes in part 1877,	51 41
W. L. Hobbs, maintaining public watering place,	2 00
J. French, " " "	2 00
J. Getchell, sealing weights and measures,	2 80
J. D. Prescott, to New Market, to examine Road machine,	1 00
J. W. W. Brown, time and team for same,	2 25
J. D. Prescott, making statistics for tax commis- sioners,	1 50
J. D. Prescott, examining roads and bridges,	1 00
" time with County Com- missioners,	1 00
Paying interest on bond,	1 00
A. R. Wiggin, box, coffin and robe for R. Rowe,	15 00
Dr. W. Perry, medical attendance on R. Rowe,	2 00
" Recording births,	50
J. D. Prescott, funeral expenses R. Rowe,	6 05
" putting up notices and hauling goods to Town House, and time at auction,	2 00
J. W. W. Brown, five times with time and team to see commissioners,	4 50
To Brentwood, time and team in S. H. Brown's case,	2 50
Examine roads and bridges,	1 00
O. W. Brown, and others, putting up Tramps,	17 25
N. Gilman and others, Non-Resident High- way tax,	47 26
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	\$276 19

MAKING SNOW PATHS IN 1876 AND 1877.

Paid Stephen Green, making Snow-paths 1876,	\$ 60
C. W. Tilton, " " "	3 00
W. H. Hodgdon, " 1877,	7 28
F. L. Blake, " "	1 35
J. W. Brown, " "	5 05
C. D. Wadleigh, " "	7 05
C. A. Evans, " "	15 05
Jere Poor, " "	7 94
W. N. Shaw, " "	11 42
S. P. Tilton, " "	1 50
J. N. Austin, " "	14 53
C. C. Dow, " "	6 75
D. G. York, " "	12 37
S. Austin, " "	14 18
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	\$108 07

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES FOR 1876 AND 1877.

Paid J. E. Brown, extra labor on highway, 1876,	\$ 64
D. G. York, material and labor on bridges,	31 60
J. N. Austin, extra labor on highways,	28 89
J. W. York, " " 1876,	6 75
J. W. Brown, labor and material, 1877.	19 13
W. H. Hodgdon, extra labor,	10 95
W. N. Shaw, " "	31 71
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	\$129 67

SUPPORT OF POOR FOR 1877.

Paid J. Collins, boarding and nursing Ruth Rowe from March 1st, 1877, to May 10th, 1877, ten weeks,	\$105 00
S. H. Brown and family in cash,	57 00
" Funeral expenses and medical at- tendance,	30 73

Paid Jemima Hilton, for support to March 22nd '78,	34 00
Emma Stevens, nursing Ruth Rowe, 7 weeks,	21 00
J. Collins, boarding Emma Stevens while nursing Ruth Rowe, 7 weeks,	14 00
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	\$261 73

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid H. P. Batchelder, bond and interest,	\$1085 00
T. H. Kimbill, note and interest,	1010 55
C. Gove, " "	210 66
T. H. Mace, balance on note and interest,	134 90
J. L. Lamprey, part principal and interest,	450 50
Edmund Morrill, interest on bond,	60 00
Jere Tilton, interest on note,	65 00
S. Green, " "	20 25
E. Brown, " "	50 00
J. N. Healey, " "	72 50
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	\$3159 36

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid J. W. Brown,	\$16 00
C. Hilliard,	2 00
J. A. Blake,	1 60
J. Palmer,	2 00
D. G. York,	2 00
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	\$23 60

ABATEMENTS.

Paid Norris L. Robie, one horse died, 1876,	\$ 63
" " one cow died, "	62
L. B. Brown, dog died "	1 00
J. Palmer, on land overestimated,	2 12
A. F. Eaton, poll tax, "	2 12
Mrs. William Hilton, tax, "	93

Paid Jere H. Leavitt, poll tax,	"	2 12
M. F. Dow, poll and dog tax,	"	3 12
J. S. Davis poll tax,		2 12
M. J. Wadleigh, poll tax,		1 70
P. Brown, his tax,		2 74
Ira Fellows, dog died, 1877,		1 00
J. Bartlett, dog died, 1877,		1 00
Aaron Webster, dog died, 1877,		1 00
B. F. Roe, dog died, 1877,		1 00
J. G. Dow, poll tax, 1877,		2 13
Sally Eastman, cow that died, 1877,		55
C. C. Dow, cow that died, 1877,		55
J. Palmer, overestimated on land,		1 71
Joseph Poor, " "		54
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		\$28 70

BOUNTY ON FOXES AND HAWKS.

Paid L. B. Tilton, six foxes,	\$3 00
B. F. Lovering, one fox,	50
F. H. Dow, one hawk,	20
F. Lovering fifteen hawks,	3 00
J. N. Austin, four hawks,	80
J. L. Eaton, two hawks,	40
O. Clifford, one fox,	20
J. P. M. Green, one fox,	20
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\$8 30	

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

Paid Selectmen for their services for the year ending 1878,	\$108 50
Making extra appraisal of wood land, seven and a half days,	45 00
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\$153 50	

TREASURER'S BILLS.

Paid J. W. W. Brown, Treasurer,	\$20 00
Paying notes and interest,	10 00
Time, and expense to Concord to settle with State,	5 00
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	\$35 00

TOWN DEBT.

The principal is in one Town bond,	\$1000 00
At six per cent interest, and six notes at 5 per cent,	8950 00
Interest on \$3,000 to June 20, 1878,	300 00
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Total debt,	\$10,250 00
Assets,	1407 50
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Total net debt,	\$8842 50
Remains in the hands of collector, 1875,	\$226 44
Remains in the hands of collector, 1870,	10 44
Remains in the hands of collector, 1876,	35 16
Remains in the hands of collector, 1877,	377 06
Remains in the hands of the Treasurer, 1877,	758 40

JOSIAH D. PRESCOTT,	} Selectmen of Kensington.
JAMES W. W. BROWN,	
JOSEPH N. AUSTIN.	

Having examined the foregoing accounts we find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

JONATHAN PALMER,	} Auditors.
JOHN A. BLAKE.	

RECEIPTS

Received of Mr. J. W. Brown
for the sum of \$100.00
the sum of \$100.00
and no more

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REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

EDUCATION.

“The end of education is conceived to be, to make men whole men. True education will cause all business, law, reform, religion to be considered good only as they serve noble ends ; only as rising out of selfishness and hypocrisies, they let in upon their narrow, mean little lives, the sunlight of truth, and learn that all things are ennobled in proportion as they serve humanity. In a word it will round out, complete the individual man, physically, mentally, morally,—seeking no one element in undue proportion.”

Our fathers most nobly sustained the cause of education. Now, rather, it is for us to be devoted to the work they have thus far so nobly carried on. That we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave full measure. *That we highly resolve that we do all to uphold an interest of such real consequence, at once so material and so full of promise to those who apply themselves to the great work.

*In addition *t, may be read in this way: That we Hyla resolve &c.

REMARKS.

The State Superintendent of schools sends out ninety (90) written questions for teachers and town committee to answer, making it very important that the law be carried out: "That no teacher be paid until registers are returned to the town committee, properly filled out, and receipt given." District committees should hire only such teachers as they know to be good and suitable for their schools, as examinations by the town committee only, test the power of memory to hold knowledge. They cannot test the ability to control, ability to teach, nor can they indicate the degree of intellectual and moral power which can be exerted: any one of which is far more important in teaching than knowledge.

To hire good teachers, is the most important suggestion the committee can make, in view of the present state of our schools, as, if matters should go on, from bad to worse, in the way we have seen of late, about the only qualification the teacher will need, will be to know how to use a shot-gun to good effect, on both scholars and parents! Or, (to qualify the remark somewhat,) as the old Commodore said when he hung some of his men to the yard-arm, "Pirates must be hung wet or dry," so conspirators, insubordinates, their aiders, abettors, and sympathizers should receive from an indignant community, the most summary judgment, the deepest execration, the greatest penalty that can be inflicted.

No changes have been made in text books during the year, though the book agents have been very active in sending papers recommending their goods, something like 120 different articles having been received by the committee during the year, recommending about 1000 kinds of books.

Committees are not allowed to change only one kind of books in any year and no one kind oftener than 3 years. Good teachers are not depending as much as formerly on text books, and Grammar especially may be spun out mostly from the teacher's head-piece.

The number of children in town last April, between the ages of 5 and 15, as reported by the selectmen, was boys 41, girls 28.

DISTRICT No. 1.

BENJAMIN F. ROWE, Prudential Committee.

SUMMER TERM.

Maria P. Sawyer, Teacher. Length of term 19 weeks.

Whole number of scholars 46, average 32. Attended to reading 46, Spelling 46, Penmanship 33, Arithmetic 37, Geography 27, Grammar 18, Composition 18, Book-keeping 1, Algebra 3,

Number between 4 and 14 not attending school 0.

Number between 14 and 21 who cannot read and write, 0.

Received prizes for perfect recitations and good deportment: Minnie Norris, Cora L. Wadleigh and Ruth Wadleigh.

Wages of teacher \$35 per month.

Not been absent during the year, 0.

Whole number of scholars attending school during the year, 60.

Average attendance for the year, 35.

WINTER TERM.

Oscar G. McIntire of Manchester, Teacher.

Whole number of scholars 52. Average attendance 38.

Wages of teacher \$40 per month.

Attended to reading 52, Spelling 52, Writing 52, Arithmetic 30, Geography 16, Grammar 15, Composition 15, Book-keeping 3, History 3, Latin 1.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

EAST SCHOOL.

JEREMIAH DOW, Prudential Committee.

Miss Anna E. Judkins of Kingston, Teacher.

Summer Term, fifteen weeks. No. of Scholars 30, Average attendance 24, Attended to Reading 30, Spelling 30, Penmanship 21, Arithmetic 20, Grammar 10, Geography 16, Composition 10, History 4, Physiology 2, Book-keeping 3, Drawing 9, Philosophy 2, Singing 9.

Between ages of 4 and 14 not attending school 0.

Between ages of 14 and 21 who cannot read and write 0.

Whole number of Scholars in district attending school two or more weeks, 60.

Wages of all the teachers has been \$25 per month, Summer and Winter in this district.

Scholars in district who have not been absent during the year are Hattie Fitts and Kate M. Chase.

The east and west schools together average 36 for the year.

Winter term 7 2-5 weeks. Albert J. Sanborn teacher, Seabrook. Number of scholars 24. Attended to Reading 23, Spelling 24, Penmanship 22, Arithmetic 21, Grammar 8, Geography 13, Composition 2, Physiology 1, Book-keeping 9.

Average attendance 21 1-2.

WEST SCHOOL.

Summer term 15 weeks. S. Agnes Badger, Teacher.

Number of scholars 18, attended to Reading 17, Spelling 17, Penmanship 10, Arithmetic 11, Geography 6, Grammar 2, Book-keeping 1.

Winter term 7 2-5 weeks. S. Agnes Badger, Teacher.

Number of scholars 20, attended to Reading 18, Spelling 18, Penmanship 12, Arithmetic 12, Geography 7, Grammar 1, Book-keeping 1.

Average attendance for year 13.

JOSEPH W. BROWN,

Superintending School Committee.

Kensington, March 1, 1878.



